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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Proposed Revision of DCID-4/2

REFERENCE: IAC Agenda for 4 August 1953, Item 6

1. At the last meeting of the IAC, a draft proposed revision of DCID-4/2 was circulated (Tab A); it was agreed that this would be considered at the next meeting. The revision was prepared pursuant to your desire that developments in the Bull Committee and in the revision of SE-36/1 be reflected in DCID-4/2.

2. After the last meeting of the IAC, some of the agencies indicated difficulties in accepting the proposed revision. Accordingly, an informal meeting of the IAC representatives was held by OIC on this date. The military agencies and AEC were present. (The State Department and FBI had stated that they would accede to any revision satisfactory to the military.) After discussion, the representatives agreed to an alternative draft (Tab B). This draft covers capabilities and intentions for clandestine attack by treating it as a new third paragraph, rather than by including it as part of the definition of "direct military action," the phrase used to introduce paragraphs 1 and 2. It was the feeling of the representatives that since clandestine attack may not be "direct" and may be conducted by other than "military" action, and since introducing "clandestine attack" into paragraphs 1 and 2 would possibly weaken these priorities, it was preferable to treat the matter in this way.

3. All of the representatives suggested that this revision should be considered a stop-gap measure pending the time when DCID-4/2 (as well as DCID-4/1) can be generally revised to reflect current agreed objectives, requirements, and priorities.

4. The Secretary of the IAC will have copies of Tab B available for distribution at the IAC meeting. The agenda does not indicate what Official will put the proposal forward; I recommend that you do so.

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